



Docket No. UCIVN-007US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: William Evans, et )  
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Serial No.: 10/088,749 )  
Filed: August 8, 2002 )  
For: Divalent Lanthanide Reduction )  
Catalysts )

Art Unit: 1713

Examiner: Harlan, Robert D.

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 14, 2003**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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Transmittal Letter

Dear Sir:

- In accordance with Rule 136, the Commissioner is hereby petitioned for a        ( ) month extension of time, extending to       , 2003 the period for response to the Office action dated **August 14, 2003** Check No.        for \$0.00 is enclosed.
- Enclosed is a certified copy of Serial No.        from which priority is claimed in the subject case pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.55b and 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- Enclosed is an Assignment of the invention to [Assignee], including a cover sheet and Check No. [Assignment Check No.] for \$40.
- A Declaration of Inventorship and Limited Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- A Certificate of Ownership and Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- Enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal.
- Enclosed herewith is a amendment/response for filing in relation to the above-identified application. Entry and consideration of this amendment/response is requested.

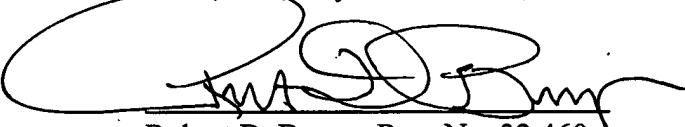
Commissioner is authorized to take the additional filing fees in the amount of \$186.00, from Deposit Account No. 50-0878:

(Col. 1) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(Col. 2) Highest No. Previously Paid For	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Small Entity Additional Rate Fee	Other than a Small Entity Additional Rate Fee
Total claims	63	- 47 = 16	x 9 \$ 144.00 Or x 18 \$	
Independent claims	4	- 3 = 1	x 42 \$ 42.00 Or x 84 \$	
First presentation of multiple dependent claims			+ 140 \$ Or + 280 \$	
			Total \$186.00 Or Total \$	

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment and credit any overpayment of the filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-0878.

Respectfully submitted,  
~~Stout, Uxa, Buyan & Mullins, LLP~~

Date: November 14, 2003

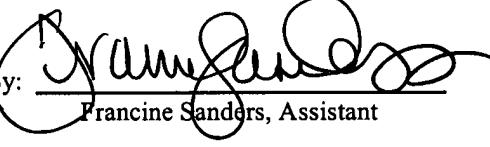
  
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop , Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on November 14, 2003.

Dated: November 14, 2003

  
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